

Prefiling Statistics, 83rd Regular Session

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In Texas, the [Rules and Precedents of the Texas House](#) (Rule 8, Section 7) and [Senate Rules](#) (Rule 7.04) allow legislators to prefile bills "beginning the first Monday after the general election preceding the next regular legislative session."

Prefiling for the 83rd Texas Legislature began on Monday, November 12, the first Monday after the general election on November 6. Following are the number of prefiled bills and joint resolutions as of Monday, January 7:

83R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/12/12-1/7/13)

HB/HJR	385
SB/SJR	149
Total	534

How do these numbers compare to previous sessions? Following are the number of bills and joint resolution prefiled during the last two regular sessions:

82R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/8/10-1/10/11)

HB/HJR	575
SB/SJR	312
Total	887

81R Prefiled Bills and Joint Resolutions (11/10/08-1/12/09)

HB/HJR	603
SB/SJR	455
Total	1,058

The total number of bills and joint resolutions prefiled for the 83rd regular session is 60.2% of those prefiled during the 82nd regular session, and 50.5% of those prefiled during the 81st regular session.